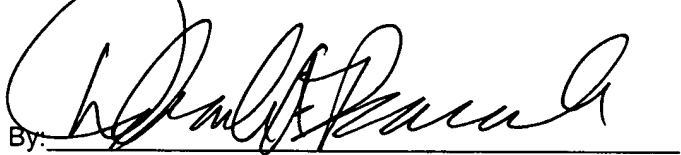


substantially related to the lifter of Group I. In addition, to perform a search with respect to the lifter designed to lift a pool table slate and a lifter (which includes the lifting mechanism technology therein), the Examiner will need to search the lifting technologies. Accordingly, examination of both Groups I and II will not involve additional searching for the Examiner.

In the event the Examiner does not agree with the traversal, Applicant elects Group I for examination. Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that all the claims of the Application proceed to an examination upon the merits. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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